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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - GOP SEEKS REELECTION TO ICAO COUNCIL

SUMMARY. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CIRCULAR NOTE FROM MFA REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR THE REELECTION OF A GOP REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ICAO COUNCIL. END SUMMARY.

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A CIRCULAR MFA NOTE DATED AUGUST 15, 1974 WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

2. "THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS DECIDED TO SEEK RE-ELECTION TO THE ICAO COUNCIL DURING THE 21ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT MONTREAL FROM SEPTEMBER 24 TO OCTOBER 16, 1974.

3. "PAKISTAN, IT MAY BE RECALLED, WAS ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION LAST YEAR AGAINST ONE OF THE THREE ADDITIONAL SEATS WHICH BROUGHT THE COUNCIL'S TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TO 30. PAKISTAN'S DECISION TO SEEK RE-ELECTION IS MOTIVATED BY ITS DESIRE TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS IMPORTANT ORGANIZATION.

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4. "PAKISTAN HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF

AIR NAVIGATION. WITH ITS PRESENT FLEET COMPRISING 2 DC-10S, 6 BOEING 707-320S, 6 BOEING 720-BS AND 8 F-27S, ITS NATIONAL CARRIER - PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS, IN ADDITION TO MEETING THE DOMESTIC NEEDS, CONNECTS 34 PRINCIPAL CITIES OF THE WORLD.

5. "PAKISTAN HAS AIR SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH 55 COUNTRIES. IT IS SERVED BY 24 INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES ENJOYING TRAFFIC RIGHTS IN PAKISTAN. IN ADDITION 7 NON-SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES OPERATE THROUGH PAKISTAN ON A REGULAR BASIS. THE NUMBER OF OVERFLYING INTERNATIONAL SERVICES IS APPROXIMATELY 150 PER WEEK PERFORMED BY 15 FOREIGN AIRLINES ON THEIR SCHEDULED SERVICES ACROSS THE TERRITORY OF PAKISTAN.

6. "BECAUSE OF ITS GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION, PAKISTAN IS SITUATED MID-WAY ON THE PRINCIPAL AIR-ROUTES BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE FAR EAST. BEING CONSCIOUS OF THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE IT HAS TO PLAY, IT HAS BEEN EFFICIENTLY PROVIDING NECESSARY AERONAUTICAL COMMUNICATION AND AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES WITH THE SUPPORTING RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL AIR ROUTES WHICH CROSS-CROSS ITS TERRITORY TOTALLING A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 4,000 NAUTICAL MILES. AT PRESENT PAKISTAN HAS THREE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS AND A FOURTH ONE WOULD BE ADDED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. A PLAN FOR FURTHER AUGMENTING THE EXISTING RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS TO PROVIDE EVEN MORE EFFICIENT AND SAFE INTERNATIONAL AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES THROUGH ITS NATIONAL AIR-SPACE IS UNDER EXAMINATION.

7. "IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING THE MINISTRY HOPES THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD EXERCISE ITS GOOD OFFICES WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN'S CANDIDATURE."

8. REQUEST. SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT PLAN TO SUPPORT THE GOP CANDIDATE, THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO INFORM THE GOP.

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